

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please enter any changes in the claims indicated in the complete copy of the pending claims, as sought to be amended, presented below:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A carrier system comprising:

a system for securing an object comprising:

a releasable adjustable fastening mechanism; and{[]

a serpentine article engaged in the releasable adjustable fastening mechanism; and  
a non-adjustable, closed loop of strap fixedly attached to the serpentine article, the non-  
adjustable loop adapted to facilitate transporting or hanging an object held by the  
securing system

~~wherein the serpentine article is fixedly attached to form a loop of strap, the strap extending in~~  
~~two directions from the loop.~~

2. **(Original)** The carrier system of claim 1 wherein the releasable adjustable fastening mechanism is a buckle.

3. **(Original)** The carrier system of claim 2 wherein the buckle comprises

(a) at a first end an attachment point to which a first end of the serpentine article is fixedly attached,

(b) towards a second end (i) an entry point into which a second end of the serpentine article is threaded for releasable adjustable engagement with the buckle and (ii) an engagement surface and a cam that at one end engages the strap and presses it against the engagement surface to lock the engagement when pressure is applied to push the strap away from the second end of the buckle, said buckle free of any spring for biasing the cam.

4. **(Original)** The system of claim 1 wherein the serpentine article is a strap.

5. **(Original)** The system of claim 1 wherein the loop is from approximately 4 inches in circumference to approximately 12 inches in circumference.
6. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 1, wherein a first end of the serpentine article is fixedly attached to a first end of the releasable adjustable fastening mechanism and wherein the loop is positioned within approximately 6 inches of the ~~the~~ first end of the serpentine article.
7. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim ~~[[1]]~~ 6, wherein the loop is positioned within approximately 3 inches of a first end of the serpentine article.
8. **(Original)** The system of claim 1, wherein the loop is produced by folding and affixing the serpentine article in a "S" curve, such that one of the opposing "C" sections of the S curve forms the loop.
9. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 8 wherein the loop is affixed ~~produced~~ by folding and sewing, tacking, stitching the serpentine article in the "S" curve.
10. **(New)** The system of claim 6, wherein the loop is produced by folding and affixing the serpentine article in a "S" curve, such that one of the opposing "C" sections of the S curve forms the loop.
11. **(New)** The system of claim 10, wherein the loop is affixed by folding and sewing, tacking, stitching the serpentine article in the "S" curve.
12. **(New)** The system of claim 10, wherein the loop is from approximately 4 inches in circumference to approximately 12 inches in circumference.

13. (New) The system of claim 7, wherein the loop is produced by folding and affixing the serpentine article in a "S" curve, such that one of the opposing "C" sections of the S curve forms the loop.

14. (New) The system of claim 13, wherein the loop is affixed by folding and sewing, tacking, stitching the serpentine article in the "S" curve.

15. (New) The system of claim 13, wherein the loop is from approximately 4 inches in circumference to approximately 12 inches in circumference.

16. (New) The system of claim 6, wherein the loop is from approximately 4 inches in circumference to approximately 12 inches in circumference.

17. (New) The system of claim 7, wherein the loop is from approximately 4 inches in circumference to approximately 12 inches in circumference.

18. (New) The system of claim 3, wherein a first end of the serpentine article is fixedly attached to a first end of the releasable adjustable fastening mechanism and wherein the loop is positioned within approximately 6 inches of the first end of the serpentine article.

19. (New) The system of claim 18, wherein the loop is from approximately 4 inches in circumference to approximately 12 inches in circumference.

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